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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1895.

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PER ANNUM.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,150,000
PAID-UP \$600,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 4 per cent.
6 " 38 "
" 3 " 28 "

DEPOSITS RENEWED on OLD TERMS—
JOHN THURBURN,
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Hongkong, 2nd August, 1895.

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AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$800,000
RESERVE FUND \$345,000

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$5,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

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INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1895.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
GENTLEMEN'S DRAPERY AND
OUTFITTING.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY, the 26th October, 1895,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,

WITHOUT RESERVE!!!

THE REMAINING PORTION of a large
quantity of ALL WOOL MATERIALS, BLACK
and BLUE SERGES, TROUSERRINGS, &c.,
Cut into Sub-Lengths, PJYAMA SUITS and
OUTFITTING, &c., &c.

A FEW LENGTHS of ALL WOOL
MATERIALS and SERGES cut for LADIES'
DRESSES, &c., &c.

On View from FRIDAY, the 25th October.

TERMS OF SALE—As elsewhere.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

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HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.

REGON PINE STARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY,

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

Intimations.

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Sole Eastern Agents for
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ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.

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Hongkong, 26th September, 1895.

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VERY OLD HIGHLAND BLEND,
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"WAY FOONG" BLEND,
EXTRA SPECIAL LIQUEUR,
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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 24th September, 1895.

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1895.

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POKER CHIPS, CARD COUNTERS,
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THE NEW RACING GAME ASCOT,
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Hongkong, 13th September, 1895.

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G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 dozen flints \$35 per case.
do 1 quart \$33

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

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as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1895; that the
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J. V. V. VERNON,

AGENT.

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FROM THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

PRIME FRESH KOBE BEEF.

S HANGHAI CORNED BEEF.

A MERICAN ROLL BUTTER.

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PROPRIETOR.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS are to carry out GUN PRACTICE from the North end of Stone Cutters' Island in a North-westerly direction on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, between the hours of 3 P.M. and 6 P.M.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1895.

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NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are invited for the purpose of securing a PIECE OF PLATE to Lieutenant-Colonel BARRON on his departure from the Colony, and of presenting a similar Piece of PLATE to be designated.

"THE BARROW PLATE"

to the REGIMENTAL MASS, in commemoration of his connection with the Colony and the Regiment which was raised by him and of which he has been the first Commandant.

SUBSCRIPTIONS LIMITED TO \$10.

A Committee of the undermentioned has been formed for the purpose of making the presentation:

Mr. N. J. Ede,
Sir Fielding Clarke,
The Hon. J. Bell-Irving,
C. P. Chater,
Dr. Ho Kit,
J. H. S. Lockhart,
T. H. Whisthead,
M. A. Coxon,
G. B. Dodwell.

Mr. T. Jackson,
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G. Stewart,
G. Thurston,
J. C. Peter,
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AND AT
SHANGHAI, MANILA, ILOILO and PARIS.

EWELLERY, DIAMONDS, WATCH,
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GENERAL IMPORT & EXPORT.

10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Opposite the Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895.

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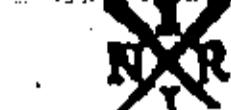
TYphoon INSURANCE.

NOTICE.

HOUSE OWNERS, TRUSTEES, MORTGAGEES and Others interested in

HOUSE PROPERTY are informed that

To-day's
Advertisements.



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 24th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1435]

PRESNTATION TO LIEUT-COLONEL BARROW AND THE OFFICERS OF H.M.'S HONGKONG REGIMENT.

A N Address to Lieut-Colonel BARROW has been prepared, and will be Presented to him by His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., at the CITY HALL on SATURDAY next, the 26th instant, at 11 A.M. All Members of the Community are invited to attend.

For the Committee, J. C. PETER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1460]

WANTED.

PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING.

A BACHELOR would be glad communicate with a PRIVATE FAMILY with a view to the above; a House within ten minutes' walk of the Banks and Post Office preferred.

Address:—

W. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1461]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

T HE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY.

the 28th day of October, 1895, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th October, 1895. [1464]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1895, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.			Contents, Sq. Yds.	Annual Rent.	Rate.
			N.	S.	E.			
Inland Lot No. 1,338	1,338	Wong-selchong Road	120	140	63.2	60	7,800	20

FOR SHANGHAI.

"LYEEMON."

Captain G. Heermann, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1462]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

"SZECHUEN."

Captain Derby, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1463]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING."

Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1464]

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"BENGLOE."

Captain Thompson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 29th instant.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895. [1465]

TO LET.

D WELLING HOUSES:— HOUSES IN RIPPON TERRACE, ERANIE'S BUNGALOW, 5 Rooms—KOWLOON.

"LARKSPUR", UPPER RICHMOND ROAD—7 Rooms Detached House with Garden and Lawn Tennis Court

FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.

OFFICES:— FIRST FLOOR No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL, lately occupied by Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WINE & Co.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 24th October, 1895.

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SARSAPARILLA.

R ASPBERRYADE, &c.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

TELEGRAMS.

A RUSSIAN MOVE.

SHANGHAI, October 24th,

4.45 P.M.

The state of affairs in Siberia is improving. There is no cause for alarm, though it is true that the Russian fleet will at once rendezvous at Chemulpo.

Persistent rumours are afloat that the Russian fleet will either winter at Chemulpo or Chefoo, if Port Arthur is not available.

No fresh complications have arisen between Russia and Japan in respect to Korea.

(Special to the Asian.)

RESULT OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

STAKES AT NEWMARKET.

The JOCKEY CLUB STAKES of 10,000 sovereigns, the second receive 500 sovereigns, third 200, the nominator of the second 200 out of the stakes, for three and four-year-olds; three-year-olds 8 sovereigns, four year-olds 4 sovereigns, mares and geldings allowed 3 sovereigns, those out of untrained horses allowed 2 sovereigns, and maidens allowed 1 sovereign (allowances accumulative); winner (handicaps and selling races excepted) of 500 sovereigns, 1,000 sovereigns, of 3,000 sovereigns, of the Derby, St. Leger, Grand Prix de Paris or Newmarket Stakes 1 sovereign extra. A. F. (one mile) two furlongs, (187 yards) one entry corrected on payment of fine.

LONDON, September 26th.

Mr. J. H. Houldsworth's b.c. LAVINIA, by Bend or—Napoli, 3 years M. Cannon & Lord Ellsmere's ch. NOVA THE WHITE, by Wisdom—Corrie Roy, 4 years.

W. Bradford 2

Mr. F. Cannon's ch. VENIA by Melanchol—Reine Blanche, 3 years G. Chaloner 3

Lord Ellsmere's b.c. LADAS, by Hampton—Illumine, 4 years, o

Lord Ellsmere's b.c. SIR VINTO, by Barcadine—Vista, 3 years.

Mr. Fairlie's b.c. SOLIRO, by Galopin—Capri, 3 years.

Mr. A. D. Cochran's b.c. BUCKHAMPTON, by Hampton—Rebecca, 3 years.

Lord Zetland's b.c. NIGHTHAWK, by Galopin—Palomar, 3 years.

Mr. L. de Rothschild's b.c. UTTICA, by St. Simon—Elbets, 3 years.

General Owen WILLIAMS' b.c. PRIESTSTOLME, by Senarius—Legger, 4 years.

Mr. Fairlie's b.b. or br. (GALLOTTIA, by Galopin—Agave, 3 years.

(Winner trained by J. Ryan, Newmarket.)

Betting: 9 to 4 against Lavenia.

9 to 2 None the Wiser.

2 to 1 Vesta.

Won by half a length; four lengths between second and third.

(From *Le Journal du Tonkin*.)

ITALY ON THE WAR-PATH.

PARIS, October 24th.

It is officially reported that another ruby mine has been discovered during the current year at Mai Moiwah. The Italians have commenced a campaign against Maugacha and his ally the Negus of Abyssinia.

THE MADAGASCAR EXPEDITION.

PARIS, October 24th.

News of the capture of Tananarive is confirmed. Six Frenchmen were killed and one-fifth of the troops were wounded.

Parafata, near Tananarive, has been captured. The Czar has congratulated France on the complete success of the expedition.

(Special to *Star Observer*.)

THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

LONDON, October 24th.

The foreign delegates constituting the commission to inquire into the alleged massacres of Armenians have reported that the atrocities were grossly exaggerated, and the whole position overestimated.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

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THE ARSENAL.

LONDON, October 24th.

The Hova Queen has declared her determination not to leave the capital, and has accused her army of cowardice.

The Hova allowed the French to capture Antananarivo on September 27th, the Prime Minister and the Court fleeing to Ambositra on the approach of the French advance guard.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Pique*, arrived here to-day from Anping and Amoy.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up to LONDON.

They are packed under our own Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised to insure protection in transit.

Sowings should be made in FINE WEATHER only and the remainder of the packets secured from damp, and kept in a dry place for repeat sowings.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally.

It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each \$1.75.

28 lbs. " \$4.50.

Directions for use are given on the Label.

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LAWN MOWERS.

The Best and Cheapest Machines in the Market.

For Sale at Manufacturers' Prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1845.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1895.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE CINQUE PORTS.

LONDON, October 23rd.

Lord Salisbury succeeds Lord Dufferin as Warden of the Cinque

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1895.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE "CATTERTHUN" DISASTER.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."—Sir.—After looking over the report of the decision of the Court of Inquiry which investigated the loss of the *Catterthun*, I as a member of the same profession as Mr. Lanfear, the unfortunate late second officer in the *Catterthun*, am fully convinced that he has been unduly and very harshly dealt with. The Sydney Marine Board seemed determined to lay blame for the disaster on someone's shoulders and Lanfear has been the "sheep led to the slaughter."

Let us briefly examine one or two of the details. Primarily, the second officer has been deprived of his means of livelihood for six months for altering the ship's course without the master's permission. Now, Sir, I maintain that the one mistake Lanfear committed was that he did not sufficiently sheer off the course the ship was heading on. Probably, had he altered it to the extent of two or three additional points the *Catterthun* would have been afloat today. Was it not laid down at the Court-Martial held at Malta *vs* the loss of H.M.S. *Victor* that is urgent and extreme cases orders issued by a superior officer can be justifiably overridden to avoid apparent and probable disasters? Let us apply that dictum to the present case. Was Mr. Lanfear, in his capacity whilst on the bridge, an officer in charge of the ship, to run her on to Seal Rocks, and into shallows which are plentiful in the neighbourhood of the wreck, as a cursory glance at the chart will show? Of course not!

Then, again, as to the existence of the Rock which was sworn to in evidence at the Enquiry but apparently not given credence to by the Board. An individual was deputed by the Marine Authorities to search for this unknown Rock and because this personage was unable to discover its position it was decided by the Court to be non-existent, that decision is to say the least of it very premature if not grossly misleading. In consequence of the decision of the Sydney Marine Board what is Mr. Lanfear's position to-day? He has practically been ostracized and disgraced and to add to this he has lost all his belongings in the ill-fated ship. It is to be hoped that he is a member of one of the powerful Marine Associations in London or Liverpool which will appreciate the fact that he has met with scant justice.

It is much to be regretted, I think, that the Marine Board of New South Wales appear, by its finding and rider, to have forgotten the time-worn adage—*de mortuis nil nisi bonum.*

Yours etc.

A BRITISH OFFICER.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1895.

RUSSIA'S RAILROAD THROUGH SIBERIA.

RAPID PROGRESS NOW BEING MADE.

TO BE FINISHED BEFORE 1900.

The world has not in all its extent a territory so vast, so little known and so rich in romantic possibilities as will be opened to the globetrotter by the great Siberian railway which Russia is building. It opens to commerce and agriculture a rich region, not unlike British America in resources, and to the traveller a new realm of interest to explore. Two more things it will do: It will lessen the time necessary for a trip around the world, and it will greatly lessen the horrors of Siberian captivity for Russian prisoners.

The Siberian Railway will benefit not only Russia, but the whole world. Siberia henceforth will attract travellers and settlers of quite a different character from those associated with her name. This new element will appreciate its wonderful treasures and boundless resources. Siberia is not a vast prison. The transportation of unfortunate has contributed to its progress, just as it did in the case of Australia.

The Western provinces have realized considerable advancement. Tomsk has had a university since 1888. In Siberia are regions of great agricultural and industrial riches. The Urals have almost inexhaustible resources of precious metals. In 1888 there was a production of gold valued at \$54,000,000, of \$6,500,000 of platinum and 33,000,000 of silver. In 1886 the production of the mining industries of Russia was 21.6 per cent. of the world's Siberia furnishing almost the whole. The United States figure for 30.19, and Australia 25.7 per cent., all other countries of the world producing only a total of 22.30 per cent.

LENGTH AND COST.

The following is an estimate for the Siberian Railway for the total length of 7,112 versts, or 4,664 miles:

Class of works:	for	per
A.	7,112 versts, verst.	360
Expropriation of land...	2,761,850	10,614
Making the track...	75,486,256	10,614
Construction works...	78,441,921	11,030
Laying the line...	20,301,675	2,836
Appertenances of the line...	2,108,631	156
Telegraph...	1,740,850	245
Building along the line...	3,875,582	545
Station buildings...	12,765,751	1,808
Water supply...	4,505,131	623
Station appertenances...	4,438,665	617
General administrative and unforeseen expenses	32,357,521	4,620
Total cost	137,416,423	33,544
B.		
Total cost Roubles	350,240,483	49,242
Nails and fastenings...	45,907,925	6,455
Rolling stock and workmen included...	40,565,350	5,703
Carriage of nails, fastenings, and rolling stock...	25,325,065	3,560
Total...	111,942,420	15,718
Grand total...	350,240,483	49,242

As one verst is 0.66169 miles, and a roble is about 50 cents, we have a total expense of \$175,105,141 for 4,664 miles or \$37,304 per mile. The railroad is now being pushed all along the line. Since the breaking out of the Chinese-Japanese war the work has been more earnest, and a large force of men are grading the routes and laying the rails as fast as possible. The original intention was that the road should be finished in 1900. The indications now are that it will be completed long before that time. The city of Vladivostok is the Pacific terminus of the railroad. The present Czar, who was then taking a trip around the world, went across Siberia along the line of the proposed railway, and it was with great concern that the first sod of the greatest railroad in the world was laid there on May 12, 1892.

The road when completed will give concessions railroad line from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg, and the probability is that a branch line will be run down through Korea, and Japan will be brought within a day's ride of this terminus. When this is done the Japanese can make a trip to Paris with a water voyage of less than twenty-four hours. The new Chinese railroad now runs to the city of Shantung, where the great Chinese wall runs down into these. There is a breach in the wall at this point, and though the superstitious Chinese would hardly permit the cutting of the wall for a railroad, they have

allowed it to go through this breach, and it is now being pushed on into Manchuria. It will eventually reach the Russian frontier, and will probably connect with the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and then one can go from Peking to Paris by land.

GREAT CHANGES FOR ASIA.

It is impossible to estimate the changes which this great railroad will make in Asia. The tea trade of Europe will undoubtedly go over it, and the great bulk of the exports from China, Japan and Korea will be carried through Siberia to Europe. As it is now, the fastest steamers are used for the tea trade. The Sydney Marine Board seemed determined to lay blame for the disaster on someone's shoulders and Lanfear has been the "sheep led to the slaughter."

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Then, again, as to the existence of the Rock which was sworn to in evidence at the Enquiry but apparently not given credence to by the Board. An individual was deputed by the Marine Authorities to search for this unknown Rock and because this personage was unable to discover its position it was decided by the Court to be non-existent, that decision is to say the least of it very premature if not grossly misleading. In consequence of the decision of the Sydney Marine Board what is Mr. Lanfear's position to-day? He has practically been ostracized and disgraced and to add to this he has lost all his belongings in the ill-fated ship. It is to be hoped that he is a member of one of the powerful Marine Associations in London or Liverpool which will appreciate the fact that he has met with scant justice.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1895.

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(LATE OF POATE & NOBLE.)

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TEETH filled permanently, from \$1.00 upwards.

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Hongkong, 7th June, 1895. [1454]

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Call Flag "W."

J. W. KEW & Co.,
STEAM-WATER-BOAT Co.,
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Hongkong, 7th October, 1895. [1454]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENALARIG,"
Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1895. [1400]

FOR JAVA, SURABAYA, SAMARANG, VIA
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"TETARTOS."

Captain Dine, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

WING-CHEONG & Co.,
AH YON.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1895. [1431]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [1455]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND
PORTS, and taking through Cargo to

ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"MENMUIR,"

Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions throughout the voyage.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1895. [1401]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

R. Innes, Commander, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1895. [1445]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORT, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

R. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 12th November, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1895. [1450]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM TO KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"LUEBECK,"

Captain Harrasowitz, will load here for the above place, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1895. [1447]

THE "JAPAN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"REPTON,"

Captain G. H. Jack, due here about the 24th instant, will load here for the above places, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1895. [1448]

Intimations.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING

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[1451]

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
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FOR TIENSIN.

THE Steamship
"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Dawson, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1895. [1459]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship
"YUEN-SANG,"

Captain W. Waddilove, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [1459]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"GLENEARN,"

Captain Murray, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1895. [1458]

"MILBURN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"PORT PHILLIP,"

Captain Grey, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Port on or about TUESDAY, the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1895. [1451]

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"BENGLOE,"

Captain Thompson, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [1456]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRIAM,"

Captain C. Jackson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [1456]

FOR DELAGOA BAY AND NATAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for EAST
LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Steamship

"YANARIVA,"

Captain Weston, will leave for the above Ports about the 10th November.

For Freight, apply to

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1895. [1452]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL

(With liberty to call at MANILA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSUEY,"

D. Davies, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th proxime.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1895. [1446]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3rd A.L.I. American Ship

"SAINT JAMES,"

Clifford, Master, will load here for the